

REMARKS

Claim 108 is amended. Claims 104 and 118 are cancelled. Claims 85, 88-90, 92-97 and 108 are pending in the application.

Applicant acknowledges the Examiner's indicated allowability of claims 85, 88-90 and 92-96, and the subject matter of claim 108.

Claims 104 and 118 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) as being anticipated by Yasunori, JP 08-255912. Without admission as to the propriety of the Examiner's rejection, claims 104 and 118 are cancelled.

Claim 108 stands objected to as depending from a rejected base claim. Claim 108 is amended to place it in independent form including all the limitations of former base claim 104. Accordingly, claim 108 is allowable.

The amendment of claim 108, and cancellation of claims 104 and 118 place the application in condition for immediate allowance. Applicant therefore respectfully requests that pending claims 85, 88-90, 92-97 and 108 be formally allowed in the Examiner's next action.

Respectfully submitted,

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